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**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for Baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for Baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"The Light Is on for You!"

(In the Reconciliation Room in the church—this room is also used at the "quiet room" during Masses. It's the glass room on the right as you face the altar.)

Wednesday nights: Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec 19
6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturdays, 3:30 – 4pm

Advent Reconciliation Service

Communal Celebration of Penance, Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00pm
St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

Take a break from our fast paced world and prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus

2018 Simbang Gabi Schedule:

Sat Dec 15	5PM	St. Pius
Sun Dec 16	5PM	Vallombrosa Center
Mon Dec 17	7PM	St. Matthias
Tue Dec 18	7PM	Nativity Church
Wed Dec 19	7PM	St. Charles
Thu Dec 20	7PM	TBD
Fri Dec 21	7PM	St. Raymond
Sat Dec 22	5PM	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Sun Dec 23	5PM	TBD



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
December 3 ~ December 9**

Mon.	8:30	Monique Curty †
Tues.	8:30	—
Wed.	8:30	Anna Maria Jones †
Thurs.	8:30	—
Fri.	6:30	May Evangelista †
	8:30	
	7:00pm	
Sat.	8:30	Omari Mason †
	5:00	Harold Meeker †
Sun.	5:00	Edmund Xi (L)†

Rest in Peace

Lois Carnes, George Radovich & Emma Velasquez

Today, after Mass, please remember to take home the photo of your loved one from the Table of Remembrance. Thank you.

Please pray for the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound, especially: Alma Brennan, Yvonne Dioli, Terry Roman, Laurette Hollywood, Josie Heath, Armando Botello, Pat Boland, Eduardo Hernandez, Bob McCormick, Nicholas Jerrold, Rosie Maffei, Grace Wasmer, Nicholas Peters, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel, and their caregivers.

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP

Monday, December 3, 2018
7:00pm-8:30pm

This workshop will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the San Francisco Archdiocese & held in the Parish Center at St. Pius Church in Redwood City (1100 Woodside Road). To register or for more information, please email: griefministry@pius.org or phone 650-361-0655.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, December 7th in the chapel of the parish center beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 10:00pm. *All are welcome.*

This weekend's second collection will benefit parish education. Thank you for your continued support.

**Retirement Fund for Religious.
Next weekend's second collection**

Next weekend we will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. *Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the retired women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.*



Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm & Saturday, December 8th at 8:30am

Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patroness of the United States.



December Senior Luncheon

All registered St. Charles Parishioners 60yrs + are cordially invited to lunch on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in Borromeo Hall. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ... please join us on Wednesday, December 5th at noon for the Senior Luncheon where you will be treated to an appetizing lunch prepared especially for you by the "Elves" of St. Charles.

To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402 or e-mail her at Kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

Caregivers are welcome. Doors will open at 11:45am. **All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 3rd! We cannot accept late reservations...**

- There are parishioners who would like to attend the luncheon, but are in need of transportation. If you would like to offer a ride, or if you need a ride, please contact Kathy at 591-7349 ext. 402 or e-mail her at Kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

St. Charles welcomes its newest members through the waters of Baptism:

Rylee Ann Beyers
Emma Victoria Yu Heras
Robert Christian Creed, Jr.



Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa and the St. Charles Parish Community for a pancake breakfast and lots of fun activities! **Today after 8:30am Mass**
Tickets available at the door!



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Sharing Tree November 24th through December 9th

During Advent, our Sharing Tree is once again in action! The gift tags this year represent local families in need, St. Francis de Assisi SVdP families in need, the Homeless Help Center, Catherine's Center, Daughters of Charity families, and victims of our 2018 Northern California wildfires. If you'd like to participate, please choose an ornament tag from the tree, log onto the website noted on the back of the tag to record your selection, purchase your gift, and **return it to St. Charles by December 9th**. Please attach the tag on the outside of the gift.

Some requests are for gift cards because many times the needs are very personal, such as with clothing. Often items must be returned due to size, and gift cards eliminate this issue. If selecting a gift card, please attach the tag to the outside of the gift card.

Your gift may be the only Christmas gift that some of our families will receive. They are all so grateful for your generosity and for sharing the joy of Christmas. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference feels very blessed to be a part of a parish as warm and wonderful as ours.

Thank you to our wonderful parish, individual families, school and business community for their support during our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of you, we were able to provide turkeys and groceries for Thanksgiving meals to 135 local families here and at St. Matthew's, as well as the food bank. Thank you to our parish for providing turkeys and cash donations, to our school and Religious Education classes for providing canned food items, to the Men's Club for transporting the food to the hall, to the Wescott and Lee families and friends for bagging the food and for providing refreshments for the St. Matthew's families, and to Lunardi's in Belmont for providing grocery bags. ***It truly takes a village.*** Because of you, many families were able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference

St. Charles Women's Club *Baby Shower for Jesus*

Tuesday, December 11th,
Borromeo Small Hall,
7:00 PM

Bring a gift in honor of Baby Jesus' birth.
All gifts will be donated to St. Francis House.
Diapers always welcomed!



St. Charles Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next Prayer Shawl Ministry Social will be held Wed. Dec. 5th, from 10:00am - 11:30am in the St. Charles room. This ministry is open to all who would like to knit or crochet "Gifts of Love" for those with special needs (*Veteran's Hospital, Homeless Shelter, SM County Community Hospital, Prayer Shawls, Chemo caps, baby blanket, etc.*) You choose the gifts you would like to create and this is done in your home on your time and there are no deadlines to meet.

If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and could be comforted by one of our Prayer Shawls, please call Kathy Fagliano (591-7349 ext. 402) she is our Parish's Minister to the Sick and Elderly. For more information about St. Charles' Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Lorie Boris 593-7339.

"I assure you, as often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me".
Matthew 25:41

St. Charles Parish Coat Drive Friday November 30th to Sunday Dec 23rd

Bins will be located at the church entrances, school front entrance and school lower yard. Coats will be collected and delivered to the St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco by TJ and Scarlet O'Brien.



Men's Club

Community Service Opportunity, December 8th

The St. Charles Men's Club is committed to four 2nd Saturdays a year helping to serve the needy of our community at **St. Anthony's Dining Hall**. Hours are from 8:30am to 11:00am and duties include meal prep and sorting of food for distribution. We have committed 8-10 people per date and **high school age teens are also welcome to help and receive service hours.** Our next service opportunity is **December 8, 2018 at St. Anthony's in Redwood City.**

Please contact: Paul Carroll at Paul@5Carrolls.com or 650-704-3458.

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December 6

The giver of every good and perfect gift has called us to mimic his giving.

St. Nicholas of Myra

4th-century Greek bishop known for putting coins in the shoes of the poor

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WORSHIP

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil
5:00pm
Sunday

8:30 & 11:00am, 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 6:30am Mass
Mon.- Fri. 8:30am Mass

Saturday
8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30, 8:30am & 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 3:30-4:00pm
Anytime by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday
9:00am—10:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is available for all children of St. Charles Parish.
Prior to setting a date for the Baptism, parents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session and may do so prior to the baby's birth.

R.C.I.A.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

It is required that a couple contact one of the parish clergy at least 6 months before the tentative wedding date to begin the preparation process.

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Office Hours Mon - Fri.
9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday Parish Office

8:00am - 1:00pm
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday by 10:00am